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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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A RESOLUTION honoring Officer Stephen Bittles for his  
bravery.

*Whereas, On December 13, 2003, 11-year-old Chris  
Baughman fell through the ice on a pond and became trapped  
in the frozen water;*

*Whereas, The accident occurred when Chris Baughman  
was kicking a soccer ball with friends, and the ball rolled onto  
the pond;*

*Whereas, Chris went after it and fell through the ice;*

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*Whereas, Two neighbors witnessed the accident and called 911;*

*Whereas, Officer Stephen Bittles arrived at the pond and found Chris struggling to keep his head above the water and holding onto the slippery ice;*

*Whereas, Officer Stephen Bittles waded about 90 feet out into the water, using his elbows to break the thin ice, and tried to reach Chris Baughman;*

*Whereas, Chris was just beyond his reach;*

*Whereas, Officer Bittles encouraged Chris to swim a couple of strokes toward him to a point where the officer was able to grab the frightened boy;*

*Whereas, Officer Bittles and Chris Baughman were both taken to the hospital, treated for hypothermia, and released; and*

*Whereas, Officer Stephen Bittles is truly a Hoosier hero whose quick actions saved the life of a young boy: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
2           commends Officer Stephen Bittles for his quick and heroic action that  
3           saved the life of a young boy.

4           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
5           Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Officer  
6           Stephen Bittles.

